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FORMAL OPENING OF S.G.W.U. ART GALLERIES

Saturday, December 10 at 9:00 p.m. Dr. Jean Sutherland Boggs, Director of the National Gallery of Canada, will formally open the Sir George Williams University art galleries situated on the second-floor indoor campus area of the Henry F. Hall Building, Burnside and Bishop Streets.

On display will be works from the University Collection. It is anticipated that a third gallery, the reception room near the lobby auditorium, will also be hung for the occasion.

This will mark the first time that so large a part of the University Collection - one of the largest collections of contemporary Canadian art in the country - will be exhibited under one roof. The focus will be on recent acquisitions.

Started in 1962, the Collection now contains over 220 works of art valued at \$ 100,000. Artists represented include Riopelle, Jean McEwan, Alfred Pellán, Alex Colville, Goodridge Roberts; sculptors Vaillancourt, Gladstone, Roussil and Smith.

Edwy F. Cooke, Associate Professor of Fine Arts, formerly curator at the Beaverbrook Art Gallery in Fredericton, is director of the Collection. Christopher G. Lacki is curator.

The galleries have been open to students and public for two months, having exhibited The Alumni Association Art Sale, the paintings of Marion Wagschal and Sam Borenstein, and the photographs of Jacques-Henri Lartigue. The Fine Arts Department has scheduled the following exhibits for the immediate future:

December 10	-	January 15	The Sir George Williams University Collection of Art: Recent Acquisitions.
January 20	-	February 12	Exhibition of sketches by Tom Thomson.
February 17	-	February 26	Faculty of Fine Arts Exhibition.
February 28	-	March 19	Portraits, Peoples and Places: an Exhibition of 18th and 19th century Canadian paintings.

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Note: You are cordially invited to cover the December 10th formal opening of the galleries - a black tie event which will attract many dignitaries from the Canadian art scene. For any further information, please contact the Fine Arts Department at 879-4133.

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